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Erie County Public Library launches e-Card program

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library has launched an e-Card initiative, which allows county residents who do not have a library card to register for a library card online, giving them access to vast digital resources available free of charge.

County residents seeking to get a library card no longer have to go to an Erie County Public Library location to register. They can register online at http://erielibrary.org/services/get-a-library-card.

The e-Card will allow access to all digital resources provided by the Erie County Public Library, including e-books, audiobooks, streaming video and music, local and national newspapers, online courses, research databases and more.

"The e-card is a new step in bringing the library to your home or mobile device, particularly for those who cannot visit the public library," said Blane Dessy, director of the Erie County Public Library. "If you're too far from a library, don't have transportation, or are unable to visit the library, this is the solution. We're especially excited to work with local school districts, senior living centers and other community organizations to bring library access to those who may not otherwise have it."

After a county resident registers online for an e-Card, a library card will be mailed to their residence within a week. They can then use the card to access digital resources available at www.erielibrary.org. Cardholders may opt to convert their e-Card to a standard library card by visiting an Erie County Public Library location with proof of address.

Library patrons who currently have a library card do not have to register for an e-Card, as they already have access to the library's digital services.

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